



Group photograph of members of the Governing Board, Management and Stakeholders

GSA Marks World Standards Day

The GSA joined the global community on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, to mark this year's World Standards Day (WSD) under the theme: *"Shared Vision for a Better World: Spotlight on SDG 17 - Partnerships for the Goals"*.

Each year on October 14, the members of the IEC, ISO and ITU celebrate the WSD, which is a means of paying tribute to the collaborative efforts of thousands of experts worldwide who develop technical agreements that are published as international standards.

An exhibition of various products and services at the head office on Monday kicked-off the celebration.

Various products, ranging from textiles, beverages, cosmetics, cereals, detergents, bags, cables, amongst others, are on display at the three-day exhibition which was officially opened by Mr. Clifford Frimpong, the Deputy Director-General in charge of Conformity Assessment (DDG-CAS), with support from Mr. Samuel Sackitey, the Director of Finance; Dr. Paul Osei Fosu, the Head of Food

and Agriculture Department; Madam Dorothy Amoah, Head of Marketing and Mr. Kofi Yeboah Debrah, APR, Head of Public Relations.

As part of the celebration, three separate teams from the Authority will embark on outreach programmes at the University Primary School at Legon, the Presbyterian Primary School at Adenta and on GH Today on GHOne TV on Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

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Vision

To become a customer-focused world-class standards organisation.

Mission

To contribute towards the growth of industry, protect consumers and facilitate trade through standardisation, metrology and conformity assessment.

Core Values

- Excellence
- Customer-focus
- Integrity
- Teamwork

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Helen King, the FCDO Director, in a group photograph with her team and GSA Staff

FCDO Director Visits GSA to Review Impact of BSI-GSA Partnership Programme

The GSA, on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, hosted a high-profile delegation from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the United Kingdom, led by Helen King, Director at the Office, to review the impact of the partnership programme between the British Standards Institution (BSI) and the Authority.

The visit formed part of an ongoing collaborative initiative between the two institutions aimed at strengthening Ghana's standardisation infrastructure,

enhancing technical capacity, and promoting best practices in conformity assessment and quality management systems across industries.

In her remarks, Helen commended the GSA for its commitment to upholding quality and safety standards in Ghana and emphasised the BSI's continued support for partnerships that drive sustainable development, trade facilitation, and consumer protection.

She noted that the BSI-GSA collaboration stands

as a model of international cooperation that directly contributes to economic growth and improved regulatory systems.

Officials from the GSA expressed appreciation to BSI for the technical assistance and training support that have equipped staff with advanced skills and global perspectives.

Various GSA staff shared their experiences and testimonies, highlighting the immense benefits derived from the partnership, including improved knowledge in international

standardisation processes, enhanced laboratory practices, and strengthened institutional capacity.

However, they also pointed out some challenges encountered during the implementation phase of the programme. Key among these were the short duration of the training sessions, which limited in-depth practical exposure, and the limited number of staff who were able to benefit from the capacity-building sessions due to resource constraints.

Responding to these concerns, the FCDO Director assured management of GSA that such feedback would inform the next phase of partnership interventions, with a focus on broadening participation and deepening impact across all relevant departments.

The BSI-GSA partnership continues to play a pivotal role in strengthening Ghana's national quality infrastructure and positioning the country as a leader in standards development within the West African sub-region.







Students and Teachers of Wesley Grammar

Students of Wesley Grammar SHS Visit GSA

Form two science students from Wesley Grammar Senior High School Accra, on Friday, October 4, 2025, paid a visit to the GSA to learn about the operations of the Authority and to experience real-world scientific practice.

The students were welcomed and given an overview of the Authority's operations by the Marketing Department and the Public Relations Department.

Mrs. Dorothy Amoah, Head of Marketing, explained the various activities carried out by the GSA and elaborated on the roles of the various directorates and department.

She urged the students to always look out for the GSA Certification Mark when purchasing items from the market to ensure product quality and safety.

Ing. Francis Akpaloo, Head of the Air Conditioner and Refrigeration Test Laboratory, guided the students through the operations of the lab and demonstrated the use of an application that allows users to verify the certification details of air conditioners.

The students were taken to the Pesticides Residue Laboratory and Food and Drinks Laboratory, where they gained first-hand insight into

the activities and operation of the laboratory.

The students expressed their appreciation to the team for the warm reception and insightful explanations provided about the Authority's operations. They remarked that the visit had deepened their understanding of how the GSA ensures product quality, safety and standards compliance across various sectors.





Staff of GSA in a photograph with Officials of Martyrs of Uganda Polyclinic in Bole after their interaction

Savannah Regional Office Savannah Region Office Visits Martyrs of Uganda Polyclinic, Bole Municipal Hospital

On Thursday, October 10, 2025, the Savannah Regional Manager, Mr Mahama Yussif, accompanied by Mr Andrew Dery, the officer stationed at Bole-Chachi border, paid a working visit to the Martyrs of Uganda and the Bole Municipal facilities at Bole.

The visit provided opportunity for the GSA staff to interact with the management of the health facilities.

The staff used the opportunity to educate management of the two facilities the importance of calibration.

The Regional Manager explained the mandate of GSA and stressed the need for the health facilities to cooperate and provide GSA with the full list of medical devices/equipment at their outfits for subsequent GSA calibration.

The visits also aimed at ensuring that the facilities operated with accuracy and that medical equipment/devices meet acceptable standards and to increase the Authority's visibility in the area.

The facilities agreed to provide GSA staff with the full list of medical equipment/devices at their outfits for subsequent calibration.





GSA Rep making a presentation

Upper East Regional Office GSA Participates in 3rd Northern Zone Shipper Committee Meeting in Bolgatanga

The GSA, represented by the Regional Manager, Mr. Enoch Akwortia, and a team from the Upper East Regional Office, Mr. Isaaah Sanusi (Paga Officer) and Mrs. Nimatu Mohammed (Marketing Officer), participated in the 3rd Northern Zone Shipper Committee Meeting (SCM) organised by the Ghana Shippers' Authority on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at the Ghana Health Service In-Service Training Centre in Bolgatanga.

The meeting brought together key stakeholders, including members of the Basket Dealers Association.

During the session, the Regional Manager delivered a presentation on the mandate of the GSA in monitoring and enforcing standards in the

market, focusing particularly on addressing the use of low-quality dyes in basket production.

He explained the concept of standards and highlighted GSA's core services, including testing and inspection, product certification, standards development, training and sensitisation, public education, calibration, and information dissemination.

The presentation further outlined the objectives of GSA, emphasising product certification, inspection, and consumer protection. The benefits of product certification were discussed from both the consumer and manufacturer perspectives – ensuring value for money, public safety, brand recognition, and continuous improvement.

Additionally, he elaborated on the GSA's inspection and market surveillance activities, covering factory inspections, import/export certification, and market monitoring. Key inspection focus areas included product quality, process control, calibration, labelling, hygiene, and traceability.

An interactive session followed, allowing participants to seek clarifications and discuss quality issues in the basket production sector.

The meeting served as a valuable platform for the GSA to strengthen collaboration with industry stakeholders, reaffirming its commitment to promoting product quality, safety, and competitiveness within the Upper East Region's basket value chain.



Ashanti Regional Office

GSA Kumasi Office Serves on NADMO Safety and Risk Assessment Committee in Ashanti Region

On October 7, 2025, a joint safety and risk assessment was conducted at Kejetia Market, Kumasi, by a combined team set-up by the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO), Ashanti Region. The assessment aimed to evaluate the market's compliance with safety regulations and identify areas for improvement.

During the inspection, several safety concerns were observed. Fire hose reels and hydrant points were obstructed by traders and hawkers, which could delay firefighting response in case of an emergency. The central LPG distribution system for the restaurant zone was not operational, and individual

cylinders were being used instead. Some of these cylinders were found to be corroded, expired, or had outlived their safe service life.

Furthermore, illegal electrical wiring and overloaded connections were observed in the tailoring section, posing a significant risk of fire and electrocution. Emergency exits were also obstructed, and walkways were congested with hawkers and traders, which could lead to stampedes and hinder emergency response.

The assessment team noted that the market management had not been conducting regular safety checks or maintaining records of safety inspections. The section of

the market affected by a fire two years ago had not undergone proper structural restoration, and the market was operating under a temporary fire certificate issued six years ago.

To address these concerns, the assessment team recommended immediate actions, including removing obstructions from emergency exits and hose reels, commissioning the central LPG supply system, and withdrawing expired LPG cylinders. Short-term measures included engaging licensed electricians to rectify non-standard wiring, conducting structural evaluation and rehabilitation of the section affected by fire, and enforcing trading boundary rules.

The assessment team emphasized the need for a collaborative approach among relevant agencies to ensure sustained compliance and prevent catastrophic incidents. The market management was urged to establish a Health, Safety and

Environment (HSE) Desk to oversee routine safety checks and implement periodic fire drills and awareness training for traders and market staff.

The assessment report highlighted the importance of prioritizing safety in

public markets and the need for proactive measures to prevent accidents. By working together, the market management, GSA, NADMO, and other stakeholders can ensure a safe and prosperous trading environment for all.





GSA Bono Regional Manager, Xavieria Tawiah speaking to participants at the workshop

Bono Regional Office

GSA Joins Workshop on Young Africa Innovate Programme

The Sunyani office participated in a two-day stakeholder workshop under the Young Africa Innovate Programme at Abesim and Odumasi. The program was a collaboration between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the National Youth Authority (NYA) under the Young Africa Innovate (YAI) Programme.

The workshop convened young innovators and key stakeholders within the innovation ecosystem to assess current certification and standardisation frameworks, identify existing challenges, and explore avenues for enhanced collaboration on youth-centered innovation initiatives. A core focus was placed on addressing the certification and regulatory

compliance requirements faced by participants in the Young Africa Innovate (YAI) Programme.

The Regional Managers took participants through the mandate of the Authority its product and management system certification processes, the benefits of having our certification mark, among

others. She emphasised that standardisation processes will be instrumental in shaping actionable solutions and guiding policy recommendations that reinforce and expand the innovation landscape for young entrepreneurs across Africa and to help unlock new pathways for youth-driven innovation in Africa.



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